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amount to manslaughter according to English law, what was to be done with him? An opinion was given, but unluckily Forsyth was unable to discover it. What could have been done if he had been tried and convicted of manslaughter?—Law Notes.

Common Law Not Refined.—In *Peeples v. Georgia Iron, etc., Co.*, 248 Fed. 886, 891, the court said: "The common law is a product of more vigor than refinement. It encourages independence and self-reliance. The development of equity has made modifications in its crude vigor; but equity, as administered in the court, is the output of the same peoples who made the common law, and its principles have not yet reached the lofty ideals of early Christianity, nor even the refined justice of the civil law. The line between permissible over-reaching and punishable fraud is illy defined, and so it has been from the time Jacob demonstrated the profitable potentialities of the science of eugenics at the expense of Laban, even unto this day. Genesis xxv, 31-43."

Skin of Living Thought.—In *Towne v. Eisner*, 245 U. S. 418, 425, Mr. Justice Holmes said: "A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used."

IN VACATION.

A Rule of Court.—A representative in Congress from a north-western state tells of a youthful lawyer who had been retained to defend an old offender on the charge of burglary. The rules of the court allowed each side one hour in which to address the jury.

Just before his turn came the young lawyer consulted a veteran of the bar who was in the court room. "How much time," he asked, "do you think I should take in addressing the jury?"

"You ought to take the full hour."

"The full hour! Why, I thought I should take something like ten minutes!"

"You ought to take the full hour."

"Why?"

"Because the longer you talk, the longer you will keep your client out of jail."—Ex.

"I understand you got into jail," said the warden, "on account of a glowing mining prospectus."

"I was quite optimistic," admitted the gentlemanly prisoner.

"Well, the governor wants a report on conditions in my jail. I want you to write it?"—American Legal News.

Lines to a Young Lady.

(By a Lawyer.)

Oh, fair Feme Sole, I've often sued
At Equity and Law;
To Love's Bar now a Suit I bring
That dare not have a flaw.

My Declaration here I file,
A Plea I offer, too;
Yea, all the Pleadings I would write
For both myself and you!

You've got Possession of my heart;
I ought to sue in Trover,
And yet I'll just demur a bit,
So you may Answer Over.

Your hair is yellow as the coin
Now used as Legal Tender;
Your eyes—id certum est—are blue;
Your Corpus lithe and slender.

By Parol Evidence your voice
Excels the song of birds;
Your hand I ask in Terms Express—
Pray heed these binding words!

Feme Covert be! Assume the right
Of Dower in lands of mine!
Let your Identity be Merged
In me. Feme Sole divine.

—Globe Democrat.